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and water were scarce and expensive and that only the rich could afford to bathe. Apropos of cleanliness, such a thing as house-cleaning, except in the mansions of the wealthy or well-to-do, is unknown here. The rooms of country hotels and of *fazendas* or farm-houses are never cleaned. The floors are occasionally swept—that's all. The walls are covered with smut and cobwebs, the furniture—a cot, a wooden stand, and two common chairs—is dusty, and unless you sleep with a handkerchief over your eyes the inhabitants of the ceiling will drop upon them."